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As authorized and encouraged under 37 CFR §§ 1.97-1.98 and the provisions of MPEP §§ 609 and 707.05(b), Applicant submits herewith certain supplemental patent references, publications and/or other information which the Patent and Trademark Office may wish to consider in examining the above-identified patent application. The references and information are listed below and on attached form PTO-1449.

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Document Number	Name(s)
5,263,937	Shipp
6,030,364	Durgin et al.
6,436,119	Erb et al.

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Applicant submits this statement in accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56. This statement is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b), before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

Applicant respectfully requests that the documents cited herein be made of record in the normal manner and that such documents appear on the printed patent as being considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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